



Australian Government



Australian
Space Agency

Joint Statement of Strategic Intent and Cooperation

Between

Australian Space Agency

and

Sitael Australia

SITAEAL AUSTRALIA STATEMENT OF STRATEGIC INTENT AND COOPERATION WITH
THE AUSTRALIAN SPACE AGENCY

The Australian Space Agency, an Australian government agency within the Department of Innovation Industry and Science, hereinafter referred to as "ASA" and represented by Dr Megan Clark AC, Head Australian Space Agency

and

Sitael Australia, the Australian subsidiary of Sitael S.p.A represented by Sitael Chief Executive Officer Mr Nicola Zaccheo

Recalling that ASA's purpose is to transform and grow the Australian space sector and the broader use of space across the Australian economy and to inspire and deliver benefit to all Australians;

Recalling that ASA areas of strategic priority include communication; operations and ground stations; position, navigation and timing; space situational awareness; research and development; earth observation and remote asset management in space and on earth;

Recalling that ASA is responsible for national civil space policy and coordination, international and national cooperation and partnership to achieve shared ambitions, Australia's international obligations and treaties; building national capability in the space sector and Australia's regulations, obligations and licencing for the civil space sector.

Recalling that the Sitael Australia is the Australian subsidiary of Sitael S.p.A., a global leader in small satellite development and associated space technologies and operations.

Recalling that Sitael Australia's strategic purpose is to design, build and test Small Satellites for Australian and regional customers; develop ground and operations capabilities; and undertake cutting edge space technology development locally.

Acknowledging that ASA and Sitael Australia share the objective of enhancing the capability and competitiveness of Australian industry and promoting investments in space capabilities and capacities, that will support smart growth and highly qualified jobs as well as improving the day-to-day lives of all Australians through innovative products and services;

Acknowledging that ASA as an Australian government agency is committed to open, transparent and significant industry engagement;

Through this Statement, Sitael Australia acknowledges the following current projects, areas of strategic interest and growth, potential new areas of collaboration and support for education and training which are of mutual interest:

- The investment in and establishment in Australia of the capability to design, build and test small satellites up to 300kg for a broad range of missions including Research and Development, Communications, Earth Observation and Remote Asset Management;
- The investment in operations and ground segment capabilities in the Australian region; and
- Cutting edge research and development through its commitment to the SmartSat Cooperative Research Centre initiative.

Signatures

PRESS RELEASE

October 2nd, Bremen, Germany – During the 69th International Astronautical Congress (IAC2018), Australian Space Agency Head, Dr Megan Clark AC and Sitael Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Nicola Zaccheo signed a statement confirming Sitael Australia's commitment to enhancing the capability and competitiveness of the Australian Space sector by investing in Small Satellites manufacture in Australia, Operations and Ground Segment capabilities and through strategic Space technology research and development.

This statement puts forth Sitael Australia's intention to invest in Australian Small Satellites manufacturing capabilities and follows the Letter of Intent signed with Inovor Technologies, an Australian cubesat manufacturer, in Adelaide at IAC 2017.

Mr Nicola Zaccheo highlighted that Sitael is proud to be part of the growing Space ecosystem in Australia, delivering growth and jobs in advanced manufacturing, whilst delivering innovation in cutting edge space technology development.

Dr Clark pointed out that the Australian Space Agency's purpose is to transform and grow the Australian Space sector and the broader use of Space across the Australian economy and to inspire and deliver benefit to all Australians. ASA's priorities in Space include Communication; Operations and Ground Stations; Position, Navigation and Timing; Space Situational Awareness; Research and Development; Earth Observation and Remote Asset Management in Space and on Earth.

The Australian Space Agency is committed to open a transparent and significant engagement with industry.

Sitael Australia outlined their intention to support the following areas:

- to invest and establish in Australia the capability to design, build and test small satellites up to 300 kg for a broad range of missions including Research and Development, Communications, Earth Observation and Remote Asset Management;
- to invest in Operations and Ground Segment capabilities in the Australian region; and
- to undertake cutting edge Research and Development through its commitment to the SmartSat Cooperative Research Centre initiative.

Both representatives highlighted their shared interest in enhancing the competitiveness of capability of the Australian space industry and the broader use of space across a wide range of sectors of the Australian economy and noted the growing importance of commercialisation at every point along the space value-added chain: from Research and Development to high-tech manufacturing, to transportation, to satellite operations and to consumer services based on satellite signals and data.

Further information

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About Sitael Australia

Sitael Australia is the Australian subsidiary of SITAEL, the largest privately-owned Space Company in Italy and worldwide leader in the Small Satellites sector. With state-of-the-art facilities SITAEL covers a wide range of activities in development of small satellite platforms, advanced propulsion systems and on-board avionics, providing turn-key solutions for Earth Observation, Telecom and Science.

Being one of the main players of the Space Economy, SITAEL is changing the way to conceive space products, both in the upstream and downstream segments, providing, thanks to its IoT capabilities, competitive smart services for a wide range of applications.

SITAEL belongs to Angel Group, an Italian holding world leader in Railway, Aerospace and Aeronautics markets. For further information visit <http://www.sitaelaustralia.com/>

About the Australian Space Agency

The Australia Space Agency, is a whole-of-government body, with the purpose to transform and grow a globally respected Australian space industry and the use of space to lift the broader economy. This will be underpinned by strong international and national engagement. In achieving this purpose, we will aspire and improve the lives of all Australians.